

NATIVE PLANT SALE A SUCCESS

The District gives a “BIG THANKS” to all of you who purchased plants this year. With each tree or shrub you plant, you’re taking an important step toward enhancing and restoring our local environment. The District may offer the plants, but we know it is you, the landowners, who do the part that really counts – getting those plants in the ground and taking care of them. Remember to keep your plants watered this spring and summer.

The process of sorting the plants into orders and distributing them on sale day was accomplished by a group of incredibly helpful volunteers. Helping to bundle plants and fill orders were; Pat Cleall, Kathy Wagner, Dave Manson, Norris Johnson, Anita and Robert Knapp, and Merrill Jefferson.

Volunteers working the day of the sale were; Carrie Kalina, Pat Cleall, Kathy Wagner, Steve Gilchrist, Norris Johnson, Anita and Robert Knapp, and Merrill Jefferson.

Thanks to everyone for suffering cold fingers, sore feet, and tired backs. We couldn’t have done it without your help!



Plant Sale Day



**Robert and Anita Knapp,
Volunteers**

Staffing Changes

Rick Hollatz has taken a position with the Hood River Soil & Water Conservation District in Oregon (where he will be able to further develop his sail boarding skills). Over the past 18 months Rick made many valuable contributions to Clallam Conservation District and the conservation of natural resources in Clallam County. Those of you who had the pleasure of working with him know what we mean. Rick’s departure is leaving a big gap to fill but we wish him the best in his new endeavors.

On April 1, Clea Rome will join the District, filling the conservation planner position vacated by Rick Hollatz. Originally from Minnesota, Clea is making a big move to Clallam County from Ann Arbor, MI where she completed a masters degree in landscape architecture one year ago.

Her bachelor’s degree is in biology. Clea brings broad experience in planning to the District.

Election and Appointment Results

Joe Murray, was reelected to the Clallam Conservation District Board of Supervisors in an uncontested election held on March 16. Joe's three-year term begins April 1, 2004. Joe is the current Board chairman.

Nash Huber was reappointed by the Washington State Conservation Commission to serve another 3 year term as a member of the Clallam Conservation District Board of Supervisors. Nash's term begins April 1, 2004. Nash is the current Board vice-chairman.

Calendar of Events

LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE PLANTS CLINIC

April 24 and 28. Participants will learn to identify over 30 native trees and shrubs, and learn the cultural requirements, habitat qualities, and ornamental attributes of these plants. The clinics will be conducted at the Dungeness Recreation Area from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

The clinics are free; however, there is a 15-person limit and pre-registration is required. Contact the Conservation District at 452-1912x5 to register.

COACHED FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLANNING

April 5 - May 24, 2004. WSU Extension and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources will "coach" participants in the development of simple stewardship management plans for their small-scale family forestland parcels.

\$150 per person, limited to 30 registrants on a first-come, first-served basis. Classes will be held weekly on Monday evenings from 6:00 - 8:30 at the Clallam County Courthouse EOC Room in Port Angeles.

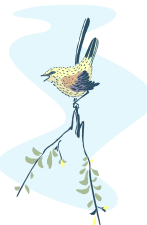
For more information call Andy Perleberg at 360-428-4270 or John Keller at 360-856-3491.

SPRING PASTURE CHECKLIST

Spring has finally arrived, bringing some sun, a little more rain, and a long list of chores! Below is a checklist of common spring-time chores that should help you get ready for this year's grazing season.

- Plan your rotational grazing system. Think about which pastures will be ready for use first (your grass height should be 6-8" inches and the soil should be able to support the weight of the livestock without leaving hoof-prints). Plan for enough paddocks to be able to rotate livestock to a new paddock when the grass has been grazed to 3-4" high and the grass in the new paddock is 6-8" high.
- Check & repair any damaged fences in your pastures.
- Walk through your pastures and look for noxious weeds. Removing weeds now, before they flower and seed, will save you time and money in the future.
- Begin spreading manure that has been stockpiled over the winter. Be sure that your soils are dry enough to support farm equipment and don't spread manure near open waterways.
- Note mud-plagued areas. Planning for how to improve drainage and footing in these areas should be done now so work can be done this summer.
- This is a good time of year to over-seed or reseed pastures. If you're over-seeding an existing pasture, be sure that your seed has good soil contact (lightly scratch/tear the soil surface). If you're completely renovating a pasture or developing a new pasture, make sure you have a firmly prepared seedbed (you should be able to walk across the soil and leave prints no deeper than a 1/4 inch). Water (irrigation or rain) is critical for good germination and plant establishment. Refer to the table below for help in selecting pasture species for your site conditions.

Contact the Conservation District at 452-1912 ext. 5 or WSU Cooperative Extension at 417-2279 if you need additional information or assistance.



Species	Soil Conditions	Fertility Requirements
Orchard Grass	dry-moist	low-high
Tall Fescue	dry-wet	low-high
Perennial Ryegrass	moist-wet	moderate-high
White Clover	moderately dry-wet	low-high
Red Clover	dry-moist	high

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2003

The mission of the Clallam Conservation District is “to assist landowners and other stakeholders in the planning and implementation of decisions that encourage the conservation of natural resources.” As the District Annual Report for 2003 reflects, the vast majority of the work done by the Conservation District consists of providing information, technical assistance and financial assistance to land users. Conservation District Board Chair Joe Murray attributed this past year’s accomplishments to the cooperative and collaborative efforts of private landowners.

The following are some of the 2003 highlights:

- ⇒ Improvement of four and one-half miles of area streams through native plantings to stabilize streambanks, fencing to prevent livestock access and protect water quality, and other measures to control erosion and sedimentation. Streams receiving improvements included the Clallam River, Salt Creek, Matriotti Creek, Dungeness River, Bell Creek, and Jimmycomelately Creek.
- ⇒ Creation of a half-mile of new Jimmycomelately Creek channel. This project – a collaborative effort with the Jamestown S’Klallam tribe and others – will help restore native salmon runs and reduce flooding.
- ⇒ Stabilization and decommissioning of 3.2 miles of roads in the upper Dungeness River watershed. This project – a collaborative effort with the US Forest Service – will help reduce erosion and sedimentation to the river.
- ⇒ Approved Dairy Nutrient Management Plans for all five dairy farms in the District and full implementation of three of the plans. The District provided technical and financial assistance related to proper livestock manure storage and utilization practices that will help prevent or minimize water pollution from animal wastes.
- ⇒ Seven small farm operators were assisted with farm conservation plan preparation covering 77 acres.
- ⇒ Assistance was provided to small farm operators for installation of roof runoff management and heavy use area protection practices to prevent groundwater and surface water contamination.
- ⇒ Over 400 individuals received individualized information or technical assistance in 2003.
- ⇒ The District educated 140 individuals about landscaping with native plants, 50 individuals about farm stewardship practices, and 220 school children about watershed processes.
- ⇒ Nearly 20,000 native trees and shrubs were distributed through the Annual Native Plant Sale.

The work of Clallam Conservation District is funded primarily through State grants, thus the operating budget varies from year to year depending on the grants that are awarded. In 2003 the District had 16 separate grants and a total of \$338,610 in expenditures. Sixty-seven percent of the expenditures was for staffing, and nineteen percent was for financial assistance to landowners. The Conservation District had four and one-half fulltime employees in 2003.

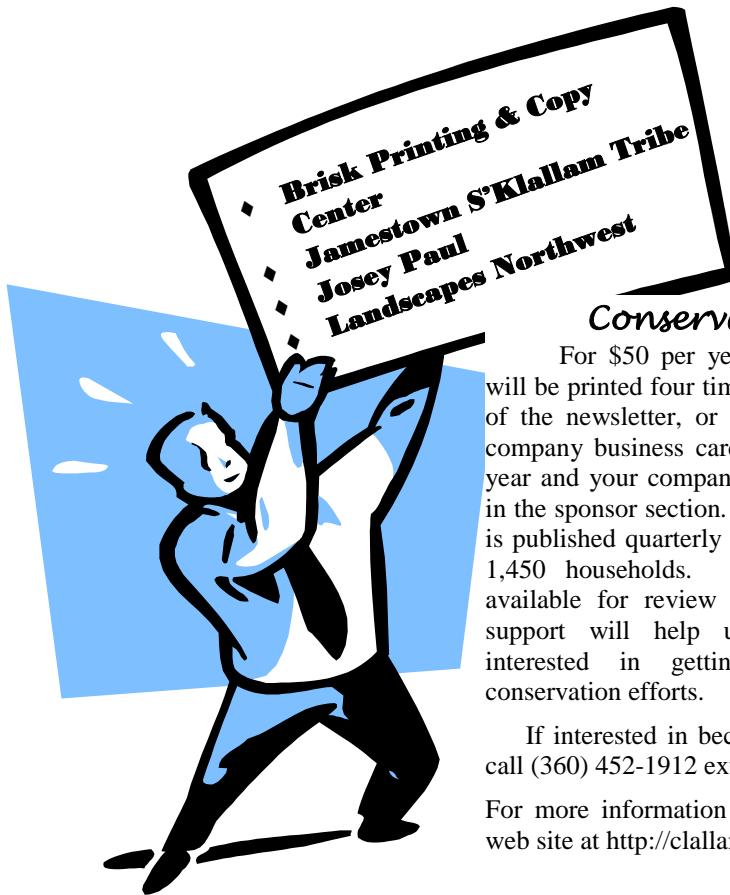
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEEDED FOR STORMWATER DEMONSTRATION

With a \$45,000 grant from the Puget Sound Action Team, Clallam Conservation District will be working on three different stormwater education projects over the next year. Our proposal was one of only 15 awarded out of 117 submitted.

One project will involve installation of stormwater management practices as a demonstration in a homeowners association. The plan is to design and install a variety of residential stormwater practices and low impact development principles, including roof runoff collection, pervious pavement, rain gardens, and other biofiltration techniques. If you or someone you know lives in a homeowners association and is interested in participating in this project, please give us a call.

Another demonstration project to be implemented in cooperation with the Clallam County Road Department will involve roadside stormwater management. This project will include a variety of stormwater management practices appropriate for controlling and treating road related runoff. The target audience for the roadside demonstration will be owners and managers of private roads.

The third project is a course on natural landscaping, in which participants will be coached in how to develop environmentally friendly landscape plans for their properties. The course will be offered in the fall of 2004.



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Clallam Conservation District is a subdivision of state government created to promote the stewardship and conservation of natural resources in Clallam County. Public meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at the Clallam County Courthouse.

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